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SECTION B

Holder of Vets' Contracts Urged To Protest Taxes

Holder of California veterans' farm and home purchase contracts who have been assessed full taxes under a recent attorney general's opinion, were advised by the State Department of Veterans Affairs to pay the levies under protest.

J. Marvin Russell, manager of farm and home purchases, said that only in isolated instances have taxes been levied for the current 1946-47 fiscal year, but indications are that most assessors will follow the procedure outlined by the attorney general in preparing next year's assessments.

Veterans obtaining property under the state farm and home purchase program have in the past been taxed only on their own improvements. An act of the 1945 legislature declared the contract holder's interest to be 30 percent of the normal valuation during the first quarter of the contract period, and 45, 65 and 85 percent in successive quarters. The contracts usually are for 20 years.

EVENING SERVICE FOR ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SCHOOL

The confirmed members of St. Andrew's Church School will make their monthly communion Sunday, November 17, at a special service of Holy Communion at 6:30 p. m. Following the service the young people will adjourn to the parish house to see the Cathedral film "The Greater Power." Light refreshments will be served to conclude the evening's program.

SPARK PLUG LIFE

Average life of a spark plug is 10,000 miles, declare automobile men in advising motorists that they will save gas by changing spark plugs at these regular intervals.

Water District Election Of West Basin To Be Held On January 14

Residents of the West Basin communities, including Lomita and beach cities, with the exception of Torrance and Los Angeles shoestring, will vote Jan. 14 on formation of the West Basin Municipal Water District.

The district is being formed for the purpose of joining the Metropolitan Water District and thus relieve the over-taxed ground water wells production from which has lowered levels in recent years to a point where salt water seepage has resulted in many coastal wells being abandoned.

Comdr. Anderson, Lomita Man, Is Reserve Officer

Lt. Comdr. Adrian W. Anderson, USNR, has been designated as executive officer of the Seventh Battalion, Organized Naval Reserve, it is announced by Comdr. James B. Duffy Jr., USNR, battalion commander.

The harbor unit, comprising the 24th, 20th and 29th divisions, is based at the Terminal Island receiving station. Organized reservists get a full day's pay for each weekly meeting.

Anderson, 36, resides with his wife and two daughters at 26235 Ocean View, Lomita. In civilian life he is an oil company salesman.

A veteran of five years active duty in the Navy, he served as commanding officer of a patrol vessel engaged in Atlantic anti-submarine warfare and commanded several salvage ships in the Pacific. For his work in saving the destroyer USS Hadley, hit by Kamikazes off Okinawa, Anderson received a commendation from Vice Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner.

AT GREAT LAKES TRAINING CENTER

Raymond K. Nieves, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rubideaux, 1012 Crenshaw blvd., has reported for recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Nieves, who enlisted for four years, entered naval service Oct. 10, 1946.

The board of supervisors called the election Wednesday afternoon, acting on a foot-high stack of petitions from residents of the area.

The district would include eight coastal cities in addition to several unincorporated sections, among which are Lomita, Dominguez, Keystone and La Rambla.

Many residents of the West County appeared before the Board of Supervisors and asked that the special election be held for the purpose of creating an addition to the Metropolitan Water District.

The board heard arguments by R. K. Richardson of Inglewood and R. E. Austin of Manhattan Beach, who headed the delegation.

The delegation sought to have all that district between the ocean and the Inglewood fault included in the special election area. This would take in the towns of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes and all unincorporated territory up to the city limits of Compton and Long Beach, including Lomita.

J. B. Benell voiced the only protest to the supervisors, claiming that the Dominguez area had sufficient water and that its inclusion in the district means that it would be taxed without "receiving any benefits."

Benell, a spokesman for the Dominguez Water Co., which furnishes water to the town of Dominguez, informed the supervisors that petitions have been filed with the county asking for authority to set up a county water works district to serve Dominguez as well as Avalon Village and Lincoln Village.

These petitions are now being checked by county authorities to determine if they contain sufficient signatures to force the calling of an election.

County Starts Local Emergency Hospital Care

Emergency services now are available at the Harbor General hospital, Torrance, according to announcement from the office of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

The service at the Torrance hospital, the Los Amigos and General hospital now is being augmented by emergency service at Olive View Sanatorium, it was said.

Thus, the supervisors' effort to provide for the entire widespread area covered by the county is being fulfilled to a degree.

J. E. Smits, superintendent of the Torrance county hospital, said that in addition to the emergency service, the hospital is prepared to handle school children from schools of the area where accidents occur and either parents or doctors are not available.

Ambulance service, contemplated for the harbor area, has not yet been included by the county.

NEWSPAPERS OF HAWTHORNE HAVE NEW PUBLISHERS

Two Hawthorne newspapers, the Advertiser Press Ltd. and the Hawthorne Tribune, are operating under new management and ownership.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin sold their interests in the Advertiser to Mr. and Mrs. David W. Whitbyok, until recently of Chicago. The Martins have been in the printing and publishing business in Hawthorne for 24 years. They will retain ownership of the publishing building and Leon W. Edson has retained his interest in the company.

Two ex-servicemen, James A. Grazier and John P. Benjamin, have purchased the Tribune from the Cripps-Gould Publishing Company.

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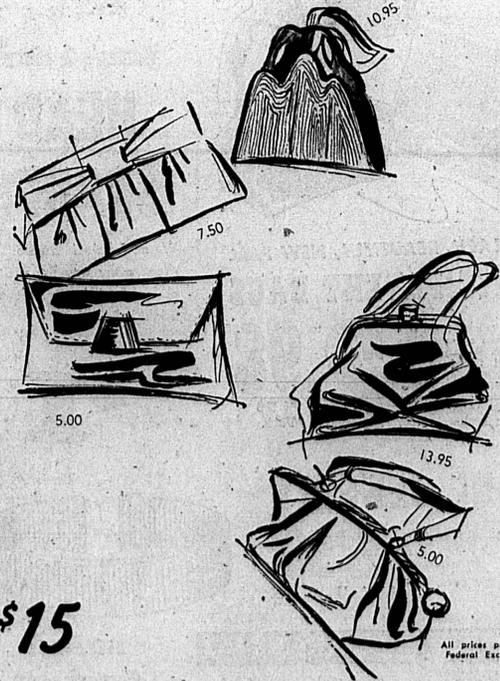
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